GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:372
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS AND GAS AGENCY
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the ex-servicemen and family members of those who have lost their lives in war are given retail outlets and gas agencies on priority basis;

(b): if so, the total number of applications received by his Ministry during the last three years;

(c): the number of applications received by the Government from the family members of the soldiers killed in Kargil war and others separately;

(d): whether all the families of those who lost their lives during Kargil war have been allotted the outlets/agency; and

(e): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.372 T
ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2002 REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS AND GAS AGENCY.

(a) to (e): 1. The Government have provided for allotment of retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships/ SKO-LDO dealerships under discretionary quota on genuine compassionate grounds to the deserving persons in the following two categories:

(i) Dependants of Defence/ Paramilitary/Police personnel, who are killed in action or persons permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated.

(ii) Dependants of Central/State Government employees, who are killed orpermanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated.

According to the guidelines, the number of discretionary allotments in a year shall not exceed 10% of the average Annual Marketing Plan or 75, whichever is less, of which allotments of retail outlets for petroleum products will not ordinarily exceed 5% of the average Annual Marketing Plan.

As on 31.7.2002, a total number of 1879 applications were received for allotment of dealerships/ distributorships under the discretionary quota. Out of these, 376 were incomplete/duplicate applications. No allotments have been made under this Scheme so far.

2. In addition to the above, under a Special Scheme for allotment of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships to the widows/next of kin of the Defence personnel killed in action in `OP Vijay` (Kargil), allotments are made by the Government on the basis of recommendations received from the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence and after the feasibility of the locations is verified by the Oil Industry. Out of the total number of 454 applications received from the DGR, in438 cases allotments have been approved. In 4 cases, recommendation from Industry after field investigation is yet to be received and 12 cases have been found to be not viable.